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## Introductory Material

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### Resolution 1: The Appointment of the Archbishop of York

The Anglican Consultative Council: • notes with pleasure the news of the appointment of the Bishop of Birmingham, Dr John Sentamu, as Archbishop of York, and offers its prayers and good wishes for a fruitful and happy ministry.

### Resolution 2: The Instruments of Unity (Communion)

The Anglican Consultative Council:

- a. notes with approval the suggestion of the Windsor Report that the Archbishop of Canterbury be regarded as the focus for unity and that the Primates' Meeting, the Lambeth Conference, the Anglican Consultative Council be regarded more appropriately as the "Instruments of Communion"
- b. resolves that henceforth it will use this terminology for those bodies currently known as "the Instruments of Unity".

### Resolution 3: Constitutional Change (ACC to be a charitable company)

The Anglican Consultative Council:

- a. notes and approves the draft memorandum and articles proposed by the Standing Committee in order to reconstitute the work of the Council within the framework of a limited liability company as requested by ACC 11 and ACC 12
- b. authorises the Standing Committee to make such final amendments to the documentation as may be needed in the light of this Council's discussions and the views of the Primates Meeting, and in accordance with legal advice and any further comments received from the Charity Commissioners
- c. requests the Standing Committee to establish such a body with charitable status in accordance with the such approved draft Memorandum and Articles as amended as a result of any such views, advice or comments
- d. resolves to transfer to the new charitable company all the Council's assets and liabilities in due course and to wind up the affairs of the existing legal entity once the new arrangements are in place.

## Resolution 4: Constitutional Change (in the light of the Windsor Report)

The Anglican Consultative Council

a. takes note that the Secretary General has taken appropriate steps to implement and respond to the recommendations of Appendix One of the Windsor Report insofar as they relate to the administration of the Anglican Communion Office, and thanks him for this work b. requests that the Standing Committee of the Council and the Archbishop of Canterbury give consideration to convening a meeting of the Standing Committee at the same time and in the same place as the next meeting of the Primates, and that they facilitate the opportunity for joint sessions of business and consultation c. requests that the Schedule of Membership of the Council be amended to make the members of the Primates' Standing Committee for the time being ex officio members of the Anglican Consultative Council in accordance with the text set out in Appendix One d. resolves that the Constitution of the Council be amended by the deletion of existing Article 7(a) and replacing it with the text set out in Appendix Two e. requests that the Schedule of Membership of the Council be amended to provide that the Primates and Moderators of the Churches of the Provinces of the Anglican Communion shall be additional ex officio members of the Council, and that in order to achieve appropriate balance between the orders of bishops, clergy and laity in the Council that the representative members shall thereafter be only from either the priestly and diaconal orders or from the laity of the appropriate Provinces as set out in Appendix Three, the execution of this amendment being subject to

i. the Primates' assent to such a change at their next meeting ii. two thirds of the Provinces of the Anglican Cc  
Appendix One

The Schedule of Membership shall be amended by adding the new category:

“(e) Ex officio members Five members of the body known as the Standing Committee of the Primates of the Anglican Communion in each case for so long as they shall remain members of such Standing Committee.”

and that the remaining categories in the schedule be redesignated accordingly.

Appendix Two

Article 7(a) of the Constitution shall be amended to read as follows:

“7(a) The Council shall appoint a Standing Committee of fourteen members, which shall include the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman of the Council, and the members listed in category (e) to the schedule to the Constitution. The Secretary General shall be the Secretary of the Standing Committee.”

Appendix Three

The Schedule of Membership shall be amended as follows:

“(b) Three from each of the following, either two clergy (priests or deacons) and one lay person, or one priest or deacon and two lay persons.”

“(c) Two from each of the following, consisting of one priest or deacon and one lay person.”

“(d) one lay person from each of the following:”

## Resolution 5: ACC Procedures

The Anglican Consultative Council, within the context of the present review of the Constitution and Procedures of the Council, requests the Standing Committee to:

a. examine circumstances in which it might be appropriate for the Council to vote by Orders b. clarify the circumstances in which it might be appropriate to use secret ballots and to require majorities other than a simple majority c. examine means by which, for the time being, those Provinces which appoint only one member in addition to their Primate may be persuaded to regard the appointment of lay members as normative d. ensure that for the appointments of Chair and Vice-Chair one shall be clerical and one lay e. bring forward suggestions and proposals regarding these matters to ACC-14 f. provide that there be a meeting of the Lay Members early in each meeting of the Council, as part of the introductory process.

## Resolution 6: Standing Committee Procedures

The Anglican Consultative Council requests: • requests the Standing Committee to circulate the agendas of Standing Committee meetings to all members of the Council prior to meetings, and the minutes of the Standing Committee meetings to all members of the Council as soon as possible following the meetings.

## Resolution 7: Inter-Anglican Finance and Administration Committee

The Anglican Consultative Council: • adopts and approves the Statement of Accounts for the fifteen months ending 31 December 2003 and the year ending 31 December 2004

## Resolution 8: Inter-Anglican Finance and Administration Committee

The Anglican Consultative Council: • adopts and approves the Budgets presented to the meeting for the years 2006- 2008.

## Resolution 9: Provisions at Meetings of the ACC

The Anglican Consultative Council resolves, at all future plenary meetings of the Council, the Joint Standing Committee and the Inter-Anglican Finance and Administration Committee, where possible and practicable:

a. to serve only fairly-traded beverages, fruit and other products b. to provide drinking water only from suppliers offering financial support for water-supply and irrigation projects in the developing world.

## Resolution 10: Response to the Primates' Statement at Dromantine

The Anglican Consultative Council:

a. takes note of the decisions taken by the Primates at their recent meeting in Dromantine, Northern Ireland, in connection with the recommendations of the Windsor Report 2004 b. notes further that the Primates there reaffirmed "the standard of Christian teaching on matters of human sexuality expressed in the 1998 Lambeth Resolution 1.10, which should command respect as the position overwhelmingly adopted by the bishops of the Anglican Communion" c. endorses and affirms those decisions d. consequently endorses the Primates' request that "in order to recognise the integrity of all parties, the Episcopal Church (USA) and the Anglican Church of Canada voluntarily withdraw their members from the Anglican Consultative Council, for the period leading up to the next Lambeth Conference" e. interprets reference to the Anglican Consultative Council to include its Standing Committee and the Inter-Anglican Finance and Administration Committee.

## Resolution 11: Supplementary Resolution of Thanks

The Anglican Consultative Council:

a. notes with appreciation the response of the Episcopal Church (USA) and the Anglican Church of Canada to the request of the Primates' Dromantine Statement

b. expresses its thanks for the presentations made on Tuesday, 21st June; and requests the observers from those Provinces to convey those thanks back to their Provinces c. reminds all parties to have regard for the admonitions in paragraphs 156 and 157 of the Windsor Report.

The Windsor Report, paragraphs 156 and 157

156. We call upon all parties to the current dispute to seek ways of reconciliation, and to heal our divisions. We have already indicated (paragraphs 134 and 144) some ways in which the Episcopal Church (USA) and the Diocese of New Westminster could begin to speak with the Communion in a way which would foster reconciliation. We have appealed to those intervening in provinces and dioceses similarly to act with renewed respect. We would expect all provinces to respond with generosity and charity to any such actions. It may well be that there need to be formal discussions about the path to reconciliation, and a symbolic Act of Reconciliation, which would mark a new beginning for the Communion, and a common commitment to proclaim the Gospel of Christ to a broken and needy world.

157. There remains a very real danger that we will not choose to walk together. Should the call to halt and find ways of continuing in our present communion not be heeded, then we shall have to begin to learn to walk apart. We would much rather not speculate on actions that might need to be taken if, after acceptance by the primates, our recommendations are not implemented. However, we note that there are, in any human dispute, courses that may be followed: processes of mediation and arbitration; non-invitation to relevant representative bodies and meetings; invitation, but to observer status only; and, as an absolute last resort, withdrawal from membership. We earnestly hope that none of these will prove necessary. Our aim throughout has been to work not for division but for healing and restoration. The real challenge of the gospel is whether we live deeply enough in the love of Christ, and care sufficiently for our joint work to bring that love to the world, that we will "make every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace" (Eph. 4.3). As the primates stated in 2000, "to turn from one another would be to turn away from the Cross", and indeed from serving the world which God loves and for which Jesus Christ died.

## **Resolution 12: The Listening Process**

In response to the request of the bishops attending the Lambeth Conference in 1998 in Resolution 1.10 to establish "a means of monitoring the work done on the subject of human sexuality in the Communion" and to honour the process of mutual listening, including "listening to the experience of homosexual persons" and the experience of local churches around the world in reflecting on these matters in the light of Scripture, Tradition and Reason, the Anglican Consultative Council encourages such listening in each Province and requests the Secretary General:

- a. to collate relevant research studies, statements, resolutions and other material on these matters from the various Provinces and other interested bodies within those Provinces
- b. to make such material available for study, discussion and reflection within each member Church of the Communion
- c. to identify and allocate adequate resources for this work, and to report progress on it to the Archbishop of Canterbury, to the next Lambeth Conference and the next meeting of this Council, and to copy such reports to the Provinces.

## **Resolution 13: The Anglican Gathering**

The Anglican Consultative Council:

- a. remains enthusiastic about the concept of holding an Anglican Gathering
- b. thanks the Design Group for the proposed Anglican Gathering in 2008, and all others involved, for their work for the proposed gathering in association with the Lambeth Conference
- c. acknowledge that they have followed the advice of the Joint Standing Committee in October 2004 and acted responsibly with their decision that plans for the Anglican Gathering should be cancelled
- d. offers sincere thanks to the Archbishop of Cape Town and the South African team for all their work in preparation for the Gathering, and are sorry that it was not possible to proceed
- e. asks the Standing Committee to consider the viability, concept and funding for a future Anglican Gathering.

## **Resolution 14: Anglican - Baptist Relations**

The Anglican Consultative Council:

- a. welcomes the publication "Conversations Around the World" as the report of the conversations between representatives of the Anglican Communion and the Baptist World Alliance, and commends it to the parishes, dioceses and provinces of the Anglican Communion as a resource for study and reflection on the nature of mission and of the way in which Baptists and Anglicans can co-operate
- b. encourages Anglicans to meet with Baptists at the appropriate level and locality and reflect on this report and on their common mission to bear witness to the salvation found in Christ
- c. offers its congratulations to the members of the Continuation Committee, especially the co-chairs, Professor Paul Fiddes and Professor Bruce Matthews, on the completion of their work, and to all those who contributed to the regional meetings
- d. requests the Director of Ecumenical Affairs to explore ways in which the conversation at international level may be developed in the future.

## **Resolution 15: Anglican - Roman Catholic Relations**

The Anglican Consultative Council:

- a. welcomes the publication of the Agreed Statement of the Anglican - Roman Catholic International Commission (ARCIC), Mary, Grace and Hope in Christ, and the completion of the second phase of the Commission's work
- b. expresses its gratitude to all the members of ARCIC over the last thirty-five years for their outstanding contribution to Anglican - Roman Catholic dialogue
- c. offers its thanks for the ongoing work of the members of the International Anglican - Roman Catholic Commission on Unity and Mission (IARCCUM), and encourages them to proceed with the work of drafting a Common Statement of Faith (which can represent the 'harvesting' of the convergence in faith discerned in the work of ARCIC) and with the other initiatives of common witness being developed by IARCCUM
- d. asks the Director of Ecumenical Studies to ensure that Provinces are invited to undertake a process of study of all the Agreed Statements of the second phase of ARCIC, and, in particular, that they have the opportunity to evaluate the way in which any Common Statement of Faith produced by IARCCUM might represent an appropriate manner in which to recognise the convergence of Christian Faith between the Anglican Communion and the Roman Catholic Church expressed in the work of ARCIC
- e. respectfully requests His Holiness the Pope and His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury to proceed to the commissioning of a third phase of ARCIC and of theological dialogue between the Anglican Communion and the Roman Catholic Church in pursuit of the full visible unity of Christ's Body here on earth, which is the stated goal for the ecumenical quest in both traditions.

## **Resolution 16: Anglican - Lutheran Relations**

The Anglican Consultative Council:

- a. welcomes the news of the continuing establishment of closer relations between Anglican and Lutheran churches across the globe, contained in the Report of the Director of Ecumenical Affairs
- b. offers its encouragement to the newly established Anglican - Lutheran International Commission as it begins its work
- c. encourages the All Africa Anglican - Lutheran Commission to resume its work at the earliest opportunity.

## **Resolution 17: Anglican - Methodist Relations**

The Anglican Consultative Council:

a. welcomes the news of the establishment of closer relations between Anglican and Methodist churches across the globe, and particularly in England, contained in the Report of the Director of Ecumenical Affairs b. requests the Director of Ecumenical Affairs to pursue the establishment of an appropriate instrument of dialogue between the Anglican Communion and the World Methodist Council.

## **Resolution 18: Anglican - Old Catholic Relations**

The Anglican Consultative Council:

a. extends its greetings to the Archbishop of Utrecht on behalf of all the churches of the Union b. gives thanks to God for seventy-five years of shared life in communion with the Churches of the Union of Utrecht c. celebrates the seventy-fifth anniversary of the Bonn Agreement d. offers its thanks to all the members of the outgoing Anglican - Old Catholic International Co-ordinating Council for the work over the past five years, and welcomes the establishment of a new Council.

## **Resolution 19: Anglican - Oriental Orthodox Relations**

The Anglican Consultative Council:

a. gives thanks to God for the work already achieved by the Anglican - Oriental Orthodox International Commission (AOOIC) in their draft Christological Agreement, and urgently requests those Provinces which have not done so to offer their reflections upon it to the Inter-Anglican Standing Commission for Ecumenical Relations, in order to enable its ratification by the Lambeth Conference in 2008 b. receives with regret the news that the work of the AOOIC is currently suspended c. asks the Director of Ecumenical Affairs to report to the representatives of the Oriental Orthodox churches that the Primates have now twice reaffirmed the 1998 Resolution of the Lambeth Conference 1.10 as “the standard of Christian teaching on matters of human sexuality ..., which should command respect as the position overwhelmingly adopted by the bishops of the Anglican Communion” together with the affirmation of this Council, presently meeting in Nottingham, and trusts that this will provide a sufficient basis for the resumption of the work of the AOOIC d. asks the AOOIC to consider whether it might examine the relationship between universal and local churches, and the processes of decision making in the life of the churches.

## **Resolution 20: Anglican - Eastern Orthodox Relations**

The Anglican Consultative Council:

a. receives with pleasure the news in the Director’s Report of the forthcoming completion of the work of the International Commission for Anglican - Orthodox Theological Dialogue (ICAOTD), and thanks its members for their long-standing contribution to the quest for the full visible unity of the Church of Christ b. encourages the ICAOTD to move towards the publication of their Agreed Statements at the earliest convenient moment.

## **Resolution 21: Regional Developments**

The Anglican Consultative Council:

a. welcomes the establishment of the Communion of Churches in India, and looks forward to seeing the fruits of further co-operation between the United Churches of North and South India and the Mar Thoma Syrian Church of Malabar b. welcomes the covenant and Agreed Statement commitments made in Papua New Guinea between the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea, the Roman Catholic Church and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Papua New Guinea, and believes that they have offered a benchmark in ecumenical relations c. welcomes the recent covenant between the Church of the Province of Southern Africa (CPSA) and the Ethiopian Episcopal Church (EEC), and

i. awaits further developments in this relationship with interest ii. encourages CPSA to continue to develop its

## **Resolution 22: Multilateral Ecumenical Instruments**

The Anglican Consultative Council:

a. sends its greetings to the World Council of Churches, which will meet in plenary Assembly in February 2006 in Porto Alegre, Brazil, and its congratulations to its new General Secretary, Dr Samuel Kobia b. adopts the Message to the World Council of Churches drafted by IASCER, meeting in Jamaica in 2004, which stresses the priority of Faith and Order work in the ecumenical movement c. requests the World Council of Churches to find ways by which the Anglican Communion can enhance its participation as a Communion in the life of the World Council, and in which Anglicans can play a full part in its life and work d. affirms the work of the Global Christian Forum, and encourages all Provinces to support the programme being developed by it for mutual listening across the whole breadth of the Christian family.

## **Resolution 23: The Inter-Anglican Standing Commission on Ecumenical Relations**

The Anglican Consultative Council: • receives the Report of the Director of Ecumenical Affairs on the work of the Inter-Anglican Standing Commission on Ecumenical Relations (IASCER), adopts its resolutions as set out in Appendix Five (pages 27 - 41) of the Report, particularly the Guidelines on Ecumenical Participation in Ordinations, and commends these resolutions to the Provinces for study and reflection.

## **Resolution 24: The Inter-Anglican Theological and Doctrinal Commission**

The Anglican Consultative Council:

a. receives the Report of the Director of Ecumenical Affairs and Theological Studies on the work of the Inter-Anglican Theological and Doctrinal Commission (IATDC), and thanks the Commission for its ongoing study of Communion b. encourages the Inter-Anglican Finance and Administration Committee to provide the resources to enable IATDC to meet again in 2006 c. asks IATDC to integrate an evaluation of the Windsor Report 2004 into its continuing studies and work, and to complete its work in time to be able to report to the Lambeth Conference in 2008 d. commends the fruitful interactive process adopted by IATDC to the Communion, and encourages full participation in its future work.

## **Resolution 25: The Department of Ecumenical Affairs and Theological Studies**

The Anglican Consultative Council:

a. expresses its heartfelt thanks to those who have in past years dedicated themselves on its behalf in the area of Ecumenical Affairs, gratefully recalling the work of Bishop David Hamid, Bishop John Baycroft and Ms Frances Hiller b. offers its gratitude to Canon Gregory K Cameron, Director of Ecumenical Affairs since 2003, for his Report to the Council, and its good wishes for his ongoing work c. offers thanks and good wishes to Mrs Christine Codner and to the Revd Terrie Robinson for their continuing work in the Department.

## **Resolution 26: Inter-Anglican Standing Commission on Mission and Evangelism**

The Anglican Consultative Council:

a. receives the report from the Inter-Anglican Standing Commission on Mission and Evangelism (IASCOME) entitled "Communion in Mission" b. expresses its appreciation to IASCOME and thanks its members for their work and dedication c. adopts as the mandate for the next IASCOME the text set out in their Report d. encourages IASCOME in its work over its next term.

## **Resolution 27: The Covenant for Communion in Mission**

This Anglican Consultative Council:

a. commends the Covenant for Communion in Mission to the churches of the Anglican Communion for study and application as a vision for Anglican faithfulness to the mission of God  
b. forwards the Covenant for Communion in Mission to those bodies of the Anglican Communion tasked to consider an Anglican Covenant as commended by the Windsor Report and the Statement of the February 2005 Primates' Meeting c. requests the next Inter-Anglican Standing Commission on Mission and Evangelism to monitor responses to the Covenant for Communion in Mission and evaluate its effectiveness across the Communion.

## **Resolution 28: on recommendations from IASCOME**

The Anglican Consultative Council:

a. receives the Guidelines for Evangelism Co-ordinators and recommends them to the Provinces for their use and guidance b. gives thanks for the Consultation of Provincial Co-ordinators of Mission and Evangelism held in Nairobi, Kenya, in 2002, and the Second Anglican Conference for Mission Organisations held in Larnaca, Cyprus, in 2003, and asks IASCOME to give consideration to holding further consultations of this kind in the future c. asks IASCOME to address the question of the colonial and post-colonial past and present of Anglican mission in its future work, and advise on how Anglicans may be helped to explore such issues in mission relationships d. receives the recommendations of IASCOME for a Mission Consultation for Network representatives, and asks the Standing Committee to explore how best to take forward this suggestion e. encourages IASCOME and TEAC to discern together ways in which their work may be integrated and mutually supported.

## Resolution 29: The Anglican Observer at the UN

The Anglican Consultative Council:

a. gratefully receives the Report of the Office of the Anglican Observer at the United Nations (ACC-UN) b. seeks the full implementation of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) within the Provinces of the Anglican Communion c. encourages the churches of the Anglican Communion to identify link provincial contacts for the ACC-UN office.

## Resolution 30: The Office of the UN Observer

a. expresses its gratitude to Archdeacon Taimalelagi Fagamalama Tuatagaloa- Matalavea for her dedicated service over the last four years as Anglican Observer at the United Nations and to the members of the Advisory Council for their invaluable work in support of the Office of the Anglican Observer at the United Nations

b. asks the Secretary General and the Chairman of the ACC to explore whether the Office of the Anglican Observer at the UN can be continued, and in particular to consider the following matters:

i. the role of the Observer, the number of staff and the location of the Office ii. an agreed job description for v. the role of the Advisory Council, and appointment by the Standing Committee of the Chairperson of that Council v

c. authorises an Appointment Committee consisting of representatives of the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Chair of the ACC, the Secretary General and a representative of the Advisory Council to select and appoint a new Observer for a term not to exceed five years, Subject to the Standing Committee being satisfied on the matters set out in clause (b) above, and d. requests that budgetary provision for the Office should be continued on the basis of the recommendation of the Inter Anglican Finance and Administration Committee.

## Resolution 31: The 49th Session of the UN Commission on the Status of Women

The Anglican Consultative Council:

a. receives and adopts the Report of the ACC Provincial Delegation to the 49th UN Commission on the Status of Women (UNCSW), and affirms the work of the International Anglican Women's Network (IAWN) in responding to the Beijing Platform for Action and the Millennium Development Goals (MDG), thereby carrying forward the full flourishing of God's Creation b. acknowledges the MDG goal for equal representation of women in decision making at all levels, and so requests:

i. the Standing Committee to identify ways in which this goal may appropriately be adapted for incorporation into t and to report on progress to ACC-14.

c. recommends that a study of the place and role of women in the structures of the Anglican Communion be undertaken by the Standing Committee in line with the objects of the ACC "to keep in review the needs that may arise for further study, and, where necessary, to promote inquiry and research" d. requests that each Province give consideration to the establishment of a women's desk for that Province e. thanks those Provinces which sent participants to the 49th Session of UNCSW, and encourages those who did not to review their decision in time for the 50th Session in 2006 in solidarity with all women of the Anglican Communion.

## Resolution 32: Anglican Communion Environmental Network

The Anglican Consultative Council notes the Statement to the Anglican Communion from the ACEN, and

a. endorses its recommendation that all Anglicans be encouraged to:

i. recognise that global climatic change is real and that we are contributing to the despoiling of creation ii. cor v. educate all church members about the Christian mandate to care for creation vi. work on these issues ecumenically

b. Asks Provinces to take the following steps urgently:

i. Include environmental education as an integral part of all theological training. ii. Take targeted and specific v. Press for urgent initiation of discussions, which should include all nations, leading to a just and effective de vi. Support the work of the World Council of Churches Climate Change Action Group. vii. Bring before governments the imperative to use all means, including legislation and removal of subsidies, to reduce greenhouse gases.

## **Resolution 33: International Anglican Family Network**

The Anglican Consultative Council:

a. receives the report of the International Anglican Family Network b. thanks the members of the Network for their ongoing contribution to the life of the Anglican Communion.

## **Resolution 34: Anglican Indigenous Network**

The Anglican Consultative Council

a. gratefully receives the report of the Anglican Indigenous Network [AIN] b. notes the AIN resolutions for its own work, contained in the Report of the AIN Gathering at Pala in 2005 c. requests the Provinces of the Communion to support those resolutions where appropriate.

## **Resolution 35: The Network for Inter Faith Concerns**

The Anglican Consultative Council:

a. receives the report of the Network for Inter Faith Concerns b. commends its insights to the Provinces for reflection in the period leading up to the Lambeth Conference 2008 c. asks the Standing Committee to give consideration to the NIFCON request for Commission status.

## **Resolution 36: The Israeli Palestinian Conflict (APJN)**

The Anglican Consultative Council:

a. welcomes the September 22nd 2004 statement by the Anglican Peace and Justice Network on the Israeli/Palestinian Conflict b. commends the resolve of the Episcopal Church (USA) to take appropriate action where it finds that its corporate investments support the occupation of Palestinian lands or violence against innocent Israelis, and

i. commends such a process to other Provinces having such investments, to be considered in line with their adopted

c. requests the Office of the Anglican Observer to the United Nations, through or in association with the UN Working Committee on Peace in the Middle East, as well as through this Council, and as a priority of that Office, to support and advocate the implementation of UN Resolutions 242 and 338 directed towards peace, justice and co-existence in the Holy Land.

## **Resolution 37: Refugee Situations in Africa (APJN)**

The Anglican Consultative Council:

a. supports initiatives aimed at ensuring that Burundian refugees returning from the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Tanzania and elsewhere, as well as displaced persons within Burundi, are assisted and cared for during their rehabilitation and integration by agencies of the United Nations, the European Union, the African Union and other appropriate governmental and non- governmental organisations b. supports the peacemaking process in Burundi, and assures the people of Burundi of our prayers during the period of their ongoing elections c. calls for the provision of necessary care from the international community to Congolese refugees gathered in Burundi and Rwanda border areas and other countries of Africa, and calls upon those involved in the conflict to end the killing of civilians.

## **Resolution 38: Conflict Resolution (APJN)**

The Anglican Consultative Council:

a. encourages representatives of the Communion to effect pastoral visits to regions of conflict and instability, especially the African Great Lakes Region, central Asian States and South Asia, Sri Lanka, West Africa, Sudan, the Korean Peninsula, and the Middle East in order to encourage the Churches in those regions to carry on with the mission of peacemaking and reconciliation, and providing care for persons displaced by conflict in those regions b. requests that the training of Church leaders in peace and justice and conflict transformation throughout the Communion be made a priority theological education project.

## **Resolution 39: Theological Education (APJN)**

The Anglican Consultative Council: • notes the recommendations of the Anglican Peace and Justice Network on Theological Education set out at paragraphs G, H, I, J and K of its 2004 report and refers them to the Theological Education for the Anglican Communion Network (TEAC) for consideration and appropriate action, taking gender into serious consideration.

## **Resolution 40: Inter Faith Relations (APJN)**

The Anglican Consultative Council: • notes the recommendations of the Anglican Peace and Justice Network on Interfaith Relations set out at paragraphs L, M, N, O, P and Q of its 2004 report and refers them to the Network for Interfaith Concerns for the Anglican Communion (NIFCON) for consideration and appropriate action.

Resolution 41: The Environment (APJN)

The Anglican Consultative Council: • notes the recommendations of the Anglican Peace and Justice Network on the environment set out at paragraphs R, S and T of its 2004 report and refers them to the Anglican Communion Environmental Network for consideration and appropriate action.

Resolution 42: International Anglican Women's Network

The Anglican Consultative Council:

a. receives the Report of the International Anglican Women's Network b. affirms the developing work of the Network c. encourages each Primate to maintain regular communication with the woman or team appointed as a link with the region in which his Province is located.

## **Resolution 43: International Anglican Youth Network**

The Anglican Consultative Council:

a. receives the Report of the International Anglican Youth Network, and thanks the Network for its ongoing work in support of the witness of young people across the Communion b. recommends that dioceses and Provinces review their provision for ministry amongst young people and ensure appropriate budgetary provision c. asks the Standing Committee in consultation with the Secretary General to consider ways of funding the work of the Network and providing part-time administrative assistance at the Anglican Communion Office.

Resolution 44: The Province of the Anglican Church of the Congo

The Anglican Consultative Council:

a. receives the report of the Province of the Anglican Church of the Congo b. recognises that the Province faces a grave social crisis which deserves the special attention of all Churches of the Communion, and especially the Networks of this Council c. encourages the Province to pursue its mission of evangelisation in Congo Brazzaville as a new step in the growth of Anglican faith in the francophone world.

## **Resolution 45: The Extra-provincial Diocese of Cuba**

The Anglican Consultative Council:

a. notes with pleasure the presence for the first time at a meeting of the Council of a member from the Extra-Provincial Diocese of Cuba b. resolves to assist that Diocese in its missionary work by making available to it resource materials on the history of Anglicanism, theological education and Anglican liturgy c. calls on all Provinces of the Communion to contribute, as their resources allow, to the development of Anglicanism in Cuba.

## **Resolution 46: Corruption**

The Anglican Consultative Council:

a. notes with concern the fact that corruption in all its forms is still present in many governments, corporations and organisations b. commends those governments, corporations and organisations which have taken steps to tackle the issue of corruption c. supports the position that no person or organisation is above the law d. encourages all governments to fight corruption at all levels and to strive for good governance e. to that end calls on them to take appropriate measures including removing statutory immunities and other legal barriers which prevent those guilty of corruption from being called to account f. recognises with shame incidents of corrupt behaviour within the church, commits itself to the highest standards of integrity in church government and encourages Provinces of the Communion to identify and strive to eradicate corruption from church, state and society.

## **Resolution 47: Drought in Africa**

The Anglican Consultative Council:

a. notes with concern the ongoing serious drought in Central and South Africa and the effect of this on populations of the region b. offers its prayers to the communities thus affected c. asks Provinces to consider ways in which aid and support can be offered.

## Resolution 48: Fair Trade

The Anglican Consultative Council:

- a. gratefully recognises the efforts so far made by developed countries, in particular the G8 states, to assist developing countries with their programmes aimed at providing better health and education, as well as clean water, to their populations
- b. believes however that developed countries can assist further in the realisation of these objectives by the establishment and promotion of fair terms of trade between developed and developing countries
- c. requests the Archbishop of Canterbury, in his capacity as President of the Council, to convey to the leaders of the G8 states prior to their meeting in July 2005, a reminder of their responsibility towards the eradication of poverty in the world and the promotion of fair terms of international trade.

## Resolution 49: Korea

The Anglican Consultative Council:

- a. expresses its profound concern about the deepening crisis in the Korean peninsula, consequent upon the announcements by the Democratic People's Republic of Korea [DPRK] that it is developing nuclear weapons and by the United States of America [USA] that it is contemplating the use of military force against the DPRK in order to prevent this
- b. believes that, for the sake of peace in North East Asia and the world, armed conflict in the Korean peninsula must be prevented, and to that end the DPRK and the USA should renounce the acquisition of nuclear weapons and the use of military force respectively, and endeavour to resolve the present crisis through dialogue and negotiation
- c. recognises that the origin of the present crisis threatening peace in the Korean peninsula and North East Asia lies in the division of the Korean peninsula into two states, and therefore supports and encourages the Anglican Church in Korea and other churches and organisations in Korea in their work for reunification of the two Koreas
- d. asks Anglican Church leaders in nations with influence on the North East Asia situation to consider visiting the DPRK and the Republic of Korea and contribute in whatever ways they can to the reunification of the two Koreas.

## Resolution 50: Protection of Children and Vulnerable Adults

The Anglican Consultative Council,

- a. takes to heart the admonition in Matthew 18.6 and the priority given in Jesus' ministry to children and to the vulnerable of society; and therefore
- b. commits itself to the highest standards of care for all young and vulnerable people, seeking to ensure their protection, safety and well-being, and requests similar pledges of commitment from all the Provinces and churches of the Communion
- c. notes the recommendation from the Anglican Church of Australia that ACC establish a Safe Ministry Task Force to promote the physical, emotional and spiritual welfare and safety of all people, especially children, young people and vulnerable adults, within the member churches of the Anglican Communion, and
- d. refers the recommendation and proposed action plan to the Standing Committee for evaluation and recommendations on the further action that may be taken by this Council and the Provinces of the Communion.

(Matthew 18.6 reads: Whoever causes the downfall of one of these little ones who believe in me, -it would be better for him if a heavy millstone were hung around his neck and he were drowned in the depths of the sea!)

## Resolution 51: Zimbabwe

The Anglican Consultative Council acknowledges the social and historical imbalances that the people of Zimbabwe have experienced in the tenure of their land, their implications for the current crisis and the need for them to be addressed. However, the Council:

- a. notes with profound sorrow and concern, and condemns, the recent political developments in Zimbabwe where hundreds of thousands of persons have had their homes destroyed and have become displaced persons within their own country, and where:
  - i. after up to two years of drought many families are dependent on relief but food distribution is often refused to
  - v. politicians and uniformed forces act as if they are above the law
  - vi. people are arrested, imprisoned without
- b. asks the government of Zimbabwe to reverse its policies of destruction and begin to engage in development that eradicates poverty
- c. calls upon the leadership of the African Union to persuade the government of Zimbabwe to consider the humanitarian aspects of the situation in that country, and to act to remedy the suffering of the people of Zimbabwe
- d. supports the Church of England in its approaches to the government of the United Kingdom to reconsider its policy of repatriation of refugees to Zimbabwe
- e. welcomes the proposed pastoral visit of church leaders from South Africa to Zimbabwe to take place in the near future
- f. assures the Christian churches and the people of Zimbabwe of its prayers in this time of national disaster.

## **Resolution 52: The Compass Rose Society**

The Anglican Consultative Council:

a. gratefully acknowledges the excellent fundraising and mission support work of the Compass Rose Society b. thanks the Society for its generous financial support of the Council c. assures the Society of its prayers in its continued work.

## **Resolution 53: Regional Episcopal Meetings**

The Anglican Consultative Council:

a. applauds the initiative taken in 2004 by the Africa Anglican Bishop's Conference to hold a conference of African bishops in Nigeria in order to discuss problems faced by the African dioceses and to find local solutions thereto b. recommends this initiative to other regions.

## **Resolution 54: Prayers and Greetings**

This Anglican Consultative Council send its greetings and assurances of prayer to:

The Bishop of Rome, His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI, with prayers for his apostolic, evangelical and ecumenical ministry among Christians everywhere, and with thanks for the greetings from Cardinal Walter Kasper, President of the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity, delivered on his behalf by the Revd Don Bolen.

The Ecumenical Patriarch, His All Holiness Bartholomew I, with prayers for the apostolic See of Constantinople New Rome, and with thanks for the long-standing fraternal relationships between the Orthodox Churches and the Churches of the Anglican Communion and the presence of His Grace Bishop Kallistos of Diokleia, who delivered the greetings of the Ecumenical Patriarchate.

The General Secretary of the Lutheran World Federation, the Revd Dr Ishmael Noko, and with thanks for the greetings delivered on his behalf by the Rt Revd Walter Jagucki.

The Most Revd Joris Vercammen, Archbishop of Utrecht, and the Most Revd Dr Philipose Mar Chrysostom for ensuring the presence of representatives from Churches in Communion – The Revd Wietse Van der Velde and the Rt Revd Dr Euyakim Mar Coorilos, who delivered greetings on their behalf.

Dr Samuel Kobia, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches, with thanks for the representation from Ms Teny Simonian from the WCC Office of Church and Ecumenical Relations,

The Revd Esme Beswick President of Churches Together in England, and the Revd Mark Fisher; The Revd William R. Morrey, President of the Conference of the

Methodist Church of Britain; The Revd Dr Paul Fiddes, Principal, Regent's Park College in the University of Oxford, and representative of the Baptist World Alliance.

## Resolution 55: Resolution of Thanks

The Anglican Consultative Council thanks God for the ministry of so many whose dedication and service have enabled the Council to do the work of the Church:

For our President the Most Revd and Rt Hon Dr Rowan Williams, Archbishop of Canterbury; for His Grace's confident proclamation of the Word; his love, vision and scholarship, and we express our heartfelt gratitude for his stimulating reflections upon the Acts of the Apostles at our daily Bible Studies.

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The Anglican Communion Office

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